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SUBJECT: EC BRIEFS KEY MTN COUNTRIES ON AMBASSADOR STRAUSS'
VISIT TO BRUSSELS

1. AT LARGE LUNCH TODAY (REPRESENTATIVES OF 13 COUNTRIES PLUS EC) HOSTED BY PAUL LUYTEN (HEAD OF EC COMMISSION DELEGATION) FOR JOSEPHUS LOEFF, EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, LOEFF SKILLFULLY AND ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS THE TONE AND CONTENT OF AMB STRAUSS' DISCUSSIONS WITH EC COMMISSIONERS IN BRUSSELS JULY 11. LOEFF EXPRESSED OPEN ADMIRATION FOR AMB STRAUSS' SKILLS AS A NEGOTIATOR AND HIS DETERMINATION TO GET THE MTN MOVING AGAIN. NOTING THAT AMB STRAUSS' OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING A POLITICAL COMMITMENT FROM THE EC COMMISSION TO UNBLOCK PROCEDURAL ISSUES IN THE MTN WAS

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ACHIEVED, LOEFF STRESSED SEVERAL POINTS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTED THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY AS IT EXISTS AND WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS PARALLEL TO PROCEDURES FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.

(B) THERE WAS LITTLE DISCUSSION IN BRUSSELS OF DETAILS AND NO DISCUSSION ON TIMETABLES FOR PHASES OF THENEGOTIATION EXCEPT TABLING OF OFFERS ON JANUARY 15. U.S.-EC DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON LATER IN WEEK WOULD GO INTO MORE DETAIL.

(C) THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF A DATE FOR CONCLUSION OF THE MTN.

(D) EC COMMISSION NOW NEEDED TO BRIEF MEMBER STATES IN 113 COMMITTEE ON RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS. EC COUNCIL WILL BE INFORMED ON JULY 25 BUT COMMISSION HOPED COUNCIL WOULD SIMPLY NOTE RESULTS OF BRUSSELS DISCUSSIONS.

2. MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE PLEASED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT AN ASKED LARGE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. SEVERAL QUESTIONED WHETHER JANUARY 15, 1978, DATE FOR TABLING OF OFFERS WAS TECHNICALLY REALISTIC DATE; OTHERS WONDERED WHETHER FRENCH ELECTIONS IN MARCH WOULD CAUSE DATE FOR TABLING TO BE POSTPONED. CANADA (AMB GREY) COMPLAINED THAT TIMING DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CANADIAN ELECTIONS AND WAS IRRITATED BY OBSERVATION THAT TIMING FOR THOSE ELECTIONS HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. SEVERAL LDCS (E.G., EGYPT AND MEXICO) MADE GENERALIZED COMPLAINT THAT LDC INTERESTS DID NOT SEEM TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND EXPRESSED VIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE OR A MINISTERIAL SHOULD MEET TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED BILATERALLY BETWEEN U.S. AND EC. LOEFF NOTED THAT AGRICULTURE AND NTM GROUPS WOULD BE MEETIGNG NEXT WEEK AND WOULD PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE MULTILATERAL FORA FOR CONSIDERATION OF RESULTS OF THE U.S.-EC DISCUSSIONS. -7 54-)8- (AMB FOGARTY) WAS VISIBLY UNHAPPY WITH PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT ON AGRICUTURAL PRODUCTS AND EXPRESSED INCREDLITY OVER THE CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION. JAPAN (UKAWA) WAS SILENT THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION UNTIL FORCED BY AUSTRALIA TO RESPOND THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD HOLD INTENSIVE REVIEW OF MTN ISSUES AMONG MINISTRIES IN TOKYO IN AUGUST AND THAT ITS VIEWS WOULD BE MADE KNOWN LATER.

3. US MTN DEL WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ON ANY SIGNIFICANT FOLLOWUP REACTIONS.MCNAMARA

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